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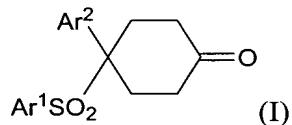
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/GB03/03224, filed July 30, 2003, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from GB Application No. 0218041.2, filed August 2, 2002.

On new page 25, please insert the abstract for this application as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A novel process for preparing cyclohexanone derivatives of formula (I)



is described. The products are useful as gamma secretase inhibitors, or as intermediates in the synthesis of other gamma secretase inhibitors.